

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)

The following application has been submitted to appropriate water in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIAL WATER USE PERMIT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2021. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 613 NE MAIN, SUITE E, LEWISTOWN, MT 59457-2020, PHONE: 406-538-7459, .

IF ISSUED, THE RIGHT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR EXISTING WATER RIGHTS.

Application Number:

41Q 30148072

Owners:

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY
% NORTHWESTERN CORP
11 E PARK ST
BUTTE, MT 59701 1711

Priority Date:

JANUARY 27, 2020 at 01:36 P.M.

Purpose (Use):

POWER GENERATION

Maximum Flow Rate:

1,300.00 CFS

Maximum Volume:

941,200.00 AC-FT

Source Name:

MISSOURI RIVER

Source Type:

SURFACE WATER

Point of Diversion and Means of Diversion:

| <u>ID</u> | <u>Govt Lot</u> | <u>Qtr Sec</u> | <u>Sec</u> | <u>Twp</u> | <u>Rge</u> | <u>County</u> |
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| 1 | 2 | SESW | 17 | 21N | 5E | CASCADE |

Period of Diversion:

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

Flow Rate:

1,300.00 CFS

Diversion Means:

DAM

RYAN DAM EXTENDS INTO THE NENW SEC 20 TWP 21N RGE 5E CASCADE COUNTY.

Purpose (Use):

POWER GENERATION

Volume:

941,200.00 AC-FT

Period of Use:

JANUARY 1 to DECEMBER 31

Place of Use:

| <u>ID</u> | <u>Acres</u> | <u>Govt Lot</u> | <u>Qtr Sec</u> | <u>Sec</u> | <u>Twp</u> | <u>Rge</u> | <u>County</u> |
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Remarks:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THIS PERMIT IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATEMENT OF CLAIM NO. 41Q 94367-00. THE TOTAL COMBINED APPROPRIATION FOR RYAN DAM IS 7,200 CFS UP TO 5,212,800 AF ANNUALLY.

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